GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:341
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2002
ERADICATION OF LEPROSY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of leprosy cases are increasing alarmingly in the country;

(b) if so, the details of cases reported during the year 2001-2002 and till date, State-wise;

(c) the details of the amount allocated and spent for prevention/eradication of leprosy during the above period, State-wise particularly in the State of Gujarat; and

(d) the steps taken for prevention/eradication of leprosy in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(d) A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 341 FOR 17.4.2002

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The total number of leprosy cases are not increasing alarmingly as evident from the Table given below. However, with increased IEC and Surveillance efforts, even hidden cases are being detected from Urban Slums/Difficultand inaccessible rural areas for prompt Multi Drug Therapy.

Years	Routinely detected	Detected through MLEC	Total Detected
1998-1999	4.21 lakhs	3.62 lakhs	7.83 lakhs
1999-2000	3.87 lakhs	2.13 lakhs	6.00 lakhs
2000-01	5.02 lakhs	No MLEC Done.	5.02 lakhs (without MLEC)
2001-02$(P)	3.31 lakhs	1.57 lakhs	4.88 lakhs

MLEC:- (Modified Leprosy Elimination Campaign)

$ (The State-wise breakup of leprosy cases detected routinely during April-December 2001 as well as through MLEC during the year 2001-02 is at Annexure-I).

(c) Statewise Government of India allocation and expenditure under NLEP during 2001-02 including for State of Gujarat is enclosed at Annexure-II.

(d) With the assistance of the World Bank, first phase of National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) started in 1993-94 and all the Districts got covered under Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) by 1995-96. The Prevalence Rate (PR) which was over 24/10,000 at the beginning of the first phase came down to 5.2/10,000 in March, 2000.

Second phase of World Bank assisted National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) for 3 years was started in 2001- 2002 with the aim of achieving elimination of leprosy i.e. a PR of less than 1/10,000 population at the National level, by March, 2004.

The main components of this Project are as follows: -

(i) Decentralization with full responsibility for implementation, monitoring & financial management to be done by the States. State and District Leprosy Societies have been formed in the States for this purpose.

(ii) Integration of leprosy services with General Health Care Services for greater reach of leprosy services.

(iii) Two rounds of Modified Leprosy Elimination Campaigns (MLEC) for detection of hidden cases will be undertaken in the 2nd project.

(iv) Creating public awareness about facts of leprosy through intensive Information, Educational & Communication (IEC).

(v) Training of all General Health Care Staff in leprosy.

(vi) Disability Care and prevention.

ANNEXURE-I

NATIONAL LEPROSY ERADICATION PROGRAMME

NO. OF CASES DETECTED DURING THE YEAR 2001-02(PROV.)

Sl. No	State/UT	Cases detected routinely (April-Dec. 2001)	Case detected during MLEC (2001-02) (P)	Total cases deteced (3+4)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	38639	3415	42054
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	65	39	104
3.	Assam	1398	NR	1398
4	Bihar	57429	42833	100262
5	Chattisgarh	11077	12353	23430
6	Goa	264	NR	264
7	Gujarat	8629	457	9086
8	Haryana	557	NR	557
9	Himachal Pradesh	186	25	211
10	Jharkhand	19379	20301	39680
11	Jammu Divn.	75	380	455
12	Kashmir Divn.	43	28	71
13	Karnataka	13425	2930	16355
14	Kerala	1818	NR	1818
15	Madhya Pradesh	11516	3181	14697
16	Maharashtra	32505	5820	38325

17 Manipur	114	31	145
18 Meghalaya	34	NR	34
19 Mizoram	19	4	23
20 Nagaland	34	27	61
21 Orissa	22767	14122	36889
22 Punjab	969	119	1088
23 Rajasthan	1520	NR	1520
24 Sikkim	47	NR	47
25 Tamil Nadu	19613	7021	26634
26 Tripura	70	NR	70
27 Uttar Pradesh	56594	30739	87333
28 Uttaranchal	931	493	1424
29 West Bengal	26420	12653	39073
30 A & N Islands	54	NR	54
31 Chandigarh	234	26	260
32 D & N Haveli	168	117	285
33 Daman & Diu	43	NR	43
34 Delhi	3780	176	3956
35 Lakshadweep	6	NR	6
36 Pondicherry	235	163	398
Total	330657	157453	488110

P - Provisional NR - Report not received

ANNEXURE-II

STATE-WISE ALLOCATION AND RELEASE UNDER NATIONAL LEPROSY ERADICATION PROGRAMME DURING 2001-02

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	STATES	2001-02 ALLOCATION	RELEASE
1	Andhra Pradesh	223.83	223.83
2	Arunachal Pradesh	62.09	62.09
3	Assam	153.85	153.85
4	Bihar	663.94	663.94
5	Chhattisgarh	378.34	378.34
6	Goa	11.52	11.52
7	Gujarat	61.97	61.97
8	Haryana	61.94	61.94
9	Himachal Pradesh	49.69	49.69
10	Jammu & Kashmir	100.55	100.55
11	Jharkhand	356.23	356.23
12	Karnataka	196.05	196.05
13	Kerela	74.61	74.61
14	Madhya Pradesh	395.32	395.32
15	Maharashtra	435.99	435.99
16	Manipur	71.02	71.02
17	Meghalaya	46.94	46.94
18	Mizoram	60.51	60.51
19	Nagaland	89.22	89.22
20	Orissa	540.77	540.77
21	Punjab	32.30	32.30
22	Rajasthan	123.07	123.07
23	Sikkim	34.87	34.87
24	Tamil Nadu	413.04	413.04
25	Tripura	46.47	46.47
26	Uttaranchal	129.01	129.01
27	Uttar Pradesh	1282.50	1282.50
28	West Bengal	574.66	574.66

29	A & N Islands	18.30	18.30
30	Chandigarh	5.50	5.50
31	D & N Haveli	6.00	6.00
32	Daman & Diu	18.40	18.40
33	Delhi	48.36	48.36
34	Lakshadweep	6.00	6.00
35	Pondicherry	2.00	2.00
Total		6774.86	6774.86